



# PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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**Subject: The Teaching Performance Assessment Requirement for Candidates with 3-5 Years of Private School Teaching Experience**

**Summary:**

2008-09 is the first year of mandated implementation of the Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) requirement. The requirement applies to all California-trained multiple and single subject candidates who began their teacher preparation program on or after July 1, 2008.

Candidates with 3-5 years of private school teaching experience seeking a multiple or single subject credential (SB 57) have to verify the completion of a professional teacher preparation program in elementary or secondary education, excluding student teaching, at a regionally-accredited college or university. The teaching performance assessment requirement does not apply to these candidates.

**Key Provisions:**

Candidates with 3-5 years of private school teaching experience (SB 57) are not subject to the teaching performance assessment requirement.

**Background:**

Commission Leaflet CL-834 previously stated that candidates with 3-5 years of private school teaching experience had to “verify the completion of a professional teacher preparation program in elementary or secondary education, including the passage of the Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA), but excluding student teaching, at a regionally-accredited college or university.” The TPA was designed to be integrated into a teacher preparation program including the student teaching experience. Since candidates with private school teaching experience are not required to do student teaching as part of their professional preparation, it is not feasible for them to be subject to the teaching performance assessment requirement. Commission Leaflet CL-834 has been amended accordingly to remove the reference to the teaching performance assessment requirement for private school candidates with 3-5 years of teaching experience.

**References:**

Commission Leaflet CL-834, “Single Subject and Multiple Subject Teaching Credentials Requirements for Teachers with Private School Experience”

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